

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) invite citizens to a public meeting to present the Water Quality Implementation Plan (IP) to address fecal coliform bacteria impairments in the Big Otter River watershed in Bedford and Campbell Counties. A Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) study for impairments on Sheep Creek, Elk Creek, Machine Creek, Little Otter River, and the Big Otter River was approved by EPA in 2002 and is available on DEQ's website at www.deq.virginia.gov/TMDL. The IP identifies ways to meet the pollution reductions outlined in the TMDL study along with pollution reduction goals for additional impairments identified in the watershed subsequent to the 2002 TMDL study.

The final public meeting on the development of the IP for the Big Otter River watershed impairments will be held on:

Tuesday, May 9, 2006, at 7:00pm

Bedford County Welcome Center

816 Burks Hill Road

Bedford, Virginia

The purpose of the meeting is to present and discuss the draft implementation plan for the fecal coliform impairments. Section 62.1-44.19.7.C of the Code of Virginia requires the development

of an IP for approved TMDLs. The IP includes the corrective actions needed to reduce bacteria and their associated costs, benefits and environmental impacts. The IP also provides measurable goals and a timeline of expected achievement of water quality objectives. A fact sheet on the development of the IP is available upon request.

How to comment: The public comment period on the IP will end on June 9, 2006. Oral comments will be accepted and addressed at the public meeting. Additional questions or information requests should be addressed to Jason Ericson. Written comments and inquiries should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments and should be sent to:

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